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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/647,833  
Applicant(s) : Kouichi Miyamoto et al.  
Filed : October 5, 2000  
Title : DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING  
REINFORCED EAR PANELS  
TC/A.U. : 3761  
Examiner : Jacqueline F. Stephens  
Conf. No. : 4304  
Docket No. : AA307F

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.